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ALABAMA REPORTER,

THURSDAY MORNING June 2.

☞ MR. THOS. S. SMITH of Sylacogga, is my authorized agent during my absence from the county.
Feb. 18th 1862. L. S. WHITE

We publish a list of casualties in the 10th Ala. Reg't., in to-days paper.

Daily Prayer Meeting.

The members of the different churches in this place, have commenced a daily prayer meeting, held every evening at 5 o'clock at one of the churches.

We hope that all who can attend will do so.

Errata.

We re-publish that beautiful hymn the "Better Land," which we published last week, on account of an error which we overlooked in reading the proof. In the second paragraph, third line, it should read "waves" instead of "woods."

☞ We had the pleasure of shaking hands with our former townsman and friend, the Hon. N. G. Shelley, of Austin, Texas, who is on a visit to see his parents near this place. He is Attorney General for the State of Texas, and has been on a tour through the armies of Virginia and Tennessee, looking after the interest of the Texas troops.

We are glad to see him looking so well and hope his stay may be pleasant and agreeable while he is with us, and that he may safely reach his home in Texas.

... we passed last Saturday, a day long to remembered by us as one of the m[ost] pleasant we ever spent.

Col Nix possesses that agreeable t[act] of manners that is so well calculated [to] make one feel so much at home, wh[ile] partaking of his hospitality." After [a] long ride, it was very refreshing to h[ear] the cheerful words, "won't you come to the house gentlemen and take som[e]thing, I have some sugar, mint &c. [Of] course we would. After partaking [of] Col Nix's hospitality, we again repai[red] to the spring, talked over the usual t[op]ics of the day, and watched the pro[cess] of barbecueing, which was very inter[est]ing to behold, but which recalled to mind painful recollections when [we] thought of our empty larder at hom[e].

About ten o'clock, some of the [party] beginning to feel rather *dry*, a co[uncil] of war was held, and we determine[d to] take the ... storm: Col. C., a

NOTICE.

To the parents and friends of the members of the 10th Ala. ... of that wants ... take a pleasure in ... everything. I will leave on or about the 10th of June; all boxes trunks or packages must be put up in good order, well hooped, I will say to the people not to put up any thing that will spoil in case of delay. All packages must be delivered on the Railroad at Oxford, Talladega, Alpine or Childersburg, all deliveries at Oxford will be delivered to Mr. Obendolph, other stations to the Depot agents. All persons bringing in packages will address me at Talladega, giving me the number of package &c

S. H. HUNT. Sutler,
10th Ala. Reg't.

RICHMOND, May 25.—The following was received this morning:

TAYLORSVILLE, May 24.—Secretary of War: The enemy has been making a feeble attack upon our lines to-day, probably with the view of ascertaining our position. They were easily repulsed.

Gen. Mahone drove three regiments across the river, capturing a stand of colors and some prisoners among them one General—Lacker.

(Signed) R. E. LEE.

The Montgomery Advertiser publishes the following dispatch:—

ALLTOONA, May 22d, 1864.

Mr S. G. Reid:—Dear Sir—Please give notice that I have been ordered back to Blue Mountain, by General Johnston, with my brigade, as it will be notice to absentees, and oblige.

Your friend,
JAS. H. CLANTON,

P. S.—This army is in fine spirits, and Gen. Johnston master of the position here. J. H. C.

FEDERAL OUTRAGES AT ROME.—We learn, says the Macon Telegraph that the Federals deliberately murdered three prominent citizens of Rome. Worse still, they were guilty of most horrible outrages upon respectable ladies. They gutted houses indiscriminately—destroyed furniture, plundered and stole, and kept up a carnival of license and spoliation during their stay in the place, and, finally, are reported to have burnt all the finest houses in the town.

Southern Women.

Is it enough to say, they are beautiful, they are intellectual? O, no;—nor shall I attempt to do justice to so peerless a subject. It is beyond the powers of so humble a pen as my own. I wish simply to add my feeble tribute, to the many thousands gone before, being assured that it will not be scorned.

We owe them a debt of herculean magnitude—a debt of love, of gratitude; for the which, a lifetime of loyal service would be but a paltry compensation.—We have braved the worst; and when the bird of snow-white plumage comes with peace in her beak—the olive, we will dare every minor danger or difficulty to serve them. However, we may yet be immolated at the altar of Mars; indeed this terrible god is still worshipped all over the land. No, no, "grim visaged war has not yet smoothed his wrinkled front." But may we not indulge the hope that our temple of Janus may soon be closed forever. How fervently I pray for it!

Our women amid all our dangers have been constant and firm; in every trial they have held up our arms; when fortune frowns most darkly, 'twas then they smiled most sweetly. No test however severe, is equal to their courage and spirit of sacrifice. When the events of this war shall have been recorded by the iron pen of history, there will be no brighter page than their's. Had it not been for their approving smiles and kind, encouraging words, many a brave and true heart would long since have been overwhelmed with despair. It may be unmanly, but I do remember at one period of the war (thank God this is not the period) success seemed trembling in the scale; I saw nothing but gloom in all the future,—saw chains, slavery, even death; because I preferred death to slavery. There was nothing to hang a hope on—not even a silvery lining to the cloud. O terrible hour!—O woful time! I felt keenly the force of poor Clarence's dream:—

"O I have spent a miserable night
So full of fearful dreams, ugly sights
That as I am a christian faithful man
I would not spend another such a night,
Though 'twere to buy a world of happy days;
So full of dismal terror was the time."

At this opportune junction came the good angel of somebody's life and lifted the pall. Seeing her innocent, trusting confidence in the truth and justice of our cause, and in its ultimate triumph, I took heart again, and was ashamed that I had ever doubted ... forgotten

"Dispair is cowardice to man
And blasphemy to heaven."

I shall never doubt again—I'm strong as a tower in hope. Dear sweet girl, "till life's fitful fever's o'er," I'll remember her!

Southern women have been seen to unbuckle their shoes from their own tender feet and give them to barefoot soldiers.—Can you conceive of a more sublime spectacle? History can instance no parallel. The world never saw one. Women, the proud and the great, have been making history about six thousand year's and yet this act of peerless moral sublimity was left to a Southern woman. I thank God that it is so—we have the greatest women in the world. I crave no greater honor than to devote my life to such a woman. This occurred in Richmond—all honor to our noble Virginia women!

Do you remember the sanguinary field of Perryville in the "dark and bloody ground?" I'm in the past—that fearful scene rises vividly before me. Here was spilled some of the purest and noblest blood that ever bedewed the surface of God's foot stool. Let me pause awhile, within this brick enclosure, by yonder elm tree lies—but let me say no more—reader, pardon me, this is a sacred spot. Ah my "heart's in dead Caesar's coffin." All around they lie, "thick as leaves in vallambrosa." Each little mound is the sad history of a desolate hearthstone.—See this little heap of clay, here a sister's love's entombed; and here a mother's heart lies buried. But no more, they are fame's now and God's.

This enclosure was built by the efforts of our women. It is beautifully arranged and set out in flowers. It was built as a soldiers graveyard—those who fell on this memorable and fatal field. To the memory of those whose names they knew they erected a simple, plain slab bearing his name; to those whose names they did not know, and could not obtain, they erected a slab bearing this inscription—"A Patriots Grave." All the wounded were tenderly cared for, and the dead were decently interred. Many a poor boy died here, far away from the home of his childhood, the dear and the loved, in his country's cause; and many a noble woman wiped the death damp away and "kissed him for his mother." At "early morn and dewy eve" they water the flowers about each tomb. Many a soldier's heart goes back to them in gratitude and blessings.

All this was done by Kentucky women—noble creatures! God bless all our Southern women!

—— GEORGE.

Talladega, May 19th, 1864.

Casualties in Tenth Alabama.

RICHMOND, May 17, 1864.

Dear Reporter: I have just succeeded in obtaining a list of casualties of the 10th Alabama, during the battles which occurred near Spottsylvania Court House last week, 6th and 12th inst., and fearing that they may not have reached you by telegraph, I send them by mail:

FIELD AND STAFF.—Lieut. J E Shelley, flesh wounded in right leg, A W Helton, Ensign, in right side.

Company A, Killed: Corporal James S Riggs; Privates Jas S McDill, Jos James, J M Batey. Wounded severely: P A J Harris, Serg'ts M M Fulgham, Oliver Cox, Dan'l Pardue, J F Moore. Privates J W Phillips, Israel Crump, Wm Waller, Willis Hollyfield. Wounded slightly: J S Morris.

Company B, Killed: Private G A Foust. Wounded slightly in face and side: Lieut E Davis; Private J T Huitt wounded in hand, R G Huitt, wounded in leg, J H Haskett, missing.

Company C, Killed: Corporal H A Davidson; Private Geo. Lemley, Serg't J M Alexander; Privates R H Benson, J F Cordey, Wm Gratton, Lt Paul H Lewis wounded slightly in leg, Serg't J H Wood, severely, arm amputated; Private Fafayette McLendon, severely in face, J F Welch, slightly in arm, A P Hogg, severely in right arm, W D Woods, severely in foot, M A Deuson, severely in knee, L B Fancher, slightly in arm, J W Owen, slightly in hand.

Company D, Capt R C Ragan, wounded in thigh severely, Serg't T H Martin, in side and arm slight, E C Brock, slightly, R C White, slightly in head, W S Smith, slightly in head, A J Whatley, slightly in shoulder, E B Hardie, in arm and side, slightly, J M Harrelson, in shoulder, very slightly, J C Whatley, missing.

Company E, Killed: Robert McG... E Dulan..., C F ... shoulder severely, ... Ryan, in leg severely, Serg't Jarrett Thompson, in both legs severely; Private B J Spence, in hip severely, Joshua Draper, in thigh severely, Levi Adams; in shoulder and head severely, Wm Millican, in leg severely, J A Fullenwider, in hand slightly.

Company F, Killed: Corporal T P Coleman; Private W T Roberts, Capt W T Smith wounded in neck severely.—Lieut Jas Williams, in hand slightly, Private Abercrombie, severely, Buchannan, severely, J F Casey, severely, S H Helton, slightly, Jas Hitchcock, slightly Sergt McMellhain, severely, R W Respass, slightly, S R Rowland, slightly, T M Smith, severely. Missing, Corporal L A Weatherly, Private B C M Brewster and E J Roberts, Jr.

Company G, Killed Jno A Campbell, Jas B Huckaby; R J Hampton, wounded in shoulder severely, Lieut. J A Cobb, in thigh severely, Serg't J P Clark, in thigh severely; Private Robt Teague, slightly, Serg't A P Coruth, in thigh slightly; Private Henry Guiman, severely, John W McKey, in leg and shoulder slightly. Missing; Serg't A W Morague, Privates F M Wilson, Wm A Mitchell, John A Rhodes.

Company H, Killed; Private R F Burns, P G Pearson, Lieut J L Jenkins, wounded slightly, Private M Murphree, slightly, Corporal A P Black, slightly, Privates S J Whaling, F G Golden, H McKenzie slightly, J H Brounlee, severely, Corporal W T Smith, missing.

Company I, Lieut A J Christian, wounded slightly, Serg't W H Penn in thigh severely, A F Lewis, severely, Private T J Coots in side slightly Jacob Chaney in side slightly, W H Levins, right arm amputated, B B Burke, in foot severely, E P Little, in right arm, severely, F L Tarlton, severely, J G Broyles, slightly; Private F C Hall, in hand, severely, L Malone, in both legs, severely, J P Stephens, slightly, Newton Smith, severely, Corporal W S Coats, missing.

Company K, Killed: Corporal R Giddens, S C Pope; Privates, J J Lesley, W B Vanderman, H H Stovall, J. W Smith, W J Breedlove, wounded severely, R A Johnson in both legs severely, J S Cooper, severely, J L Darby, slightly, Corporal J M McMillan, slightly, Lieut J W Lindsey, in head severely; W A Bell missing.

The above list is furnished by Lt. J M Renfro, acting Adjutant.

Of the 5th Alabama, I have been able to learn but little. Col. Hall lost his right arm. Lt. Col. Hobson was wounded severely in thigh. Adjutant Pegues slightly in neck. Lt. Caldwell, commanding the Talladega Artillery, was slightly wounded.

Gen. Beauregard attacked and punished the enemy very severely on yesterday near Drewry's Bluff, capturing between 1,500 and 2,000 prisoners, and killing and wounding a very large number. Our loss in killed and wounded, supposed to be near 2,000. All quiet to day.

In haste. Yours truly,
M. H. CRUIKSHANK.

On the Death of a Young Man who died at Dalton, Ga.

BY HIS MOTHER.

Henry K. Sewell was borned in Carroll county Ga., July 7, 1840.—His mother moved to this county in '45 where he has been raised In '61 he joined the Methodist Church at Salem, where he remained until war called him to go. He enlisted under Capt. T. H. Patterson, 22d of March, while camped at Talladega, he was sick with the measels, sent home on a short furlough. On the 25th of May he left his parents home, to go to his country's call, but God decreed he should be of no service there, on the 15th of June he was carried to the hospital in Atlanta Ga., where he stayed until the last of September, when he was sent to convalescent camps at Knoxville. He was soon sent to Ringgold, thence to Tullahoma where he remained until the first day of January '63, when he went to rejoin his friends in arms Remained in camps a short time, he was then sent to the hospital at Vicksburg, moved to Brookhaven, thence to Brandon, where he was duly examined by a board of physicians, found incapable of any duty in the Confederate service, given a certificate on the 22nd of April, sent home to his parents to the joy of the family. He stayed until the 22d of Dec., he went to Dalton Ga., where he died on the 10th of January '64 with a lung disease. He has ended his life of suffering here, his weary body is at rest. I hope his spirit took its flight to heaven, there to rest on the bosom of sweet Jesus.

How blest is my son that is gone,
Eased of all that could burden his ...
How ... body behind.
Of evil incapable now.
He has us no more to see,
No longer in misery now,
He is from sin set free.

On earth he is afflicted no more
With sickness, nor shaken with pain;
The war is remembered no more,
Nor never can vex him again.
No anger henceforward or shame
Shall redden his innocent clay,
Extinct is the animal plant,
And passion has vanished away

His languishing head is at rest,
It's suffering an acheing is over,
His quiet immovable breast,
Is heaved with afflictions no more,
His heart is no longer the seat
Of trouble an torturing pain
It ceases to flutter and beat
It never will flatter again.

His eyes he so seldom could close
By suffering forbidden to sleep,
Now read in their mortal repose
Have strangely forgotten to weep,
The fountain can yield no supply
The hollows from water is free,
The tears are all wiped from his eyes,
And evil he never shall see.

Now to mourn his absence is mine,
While bound in this body of clay,
Oh! that I may Henry find
With God on Judgment day,
While living he was often in my mind,
I often for him did pray,
If never I could see him again,
In heaven we might meet again.

MRS. P. K. SEWELL.

A PLAGUE AND POVERTY STRICKEN VILLAGE.—Lady Pasley tells a terrible story of the misery of a little fishing village, called Beer, in the neighborhood of Aixminster, England. The place is plague stricken with measels. The inhabitants are all fishermen, and at this time of the year always in want. The children do not die of the disease so much as of weakness and starvation after it.—Mrs. Bigham, Lady Pasley's sister, who lives near Aixminster, writes, "The bell is tolling constantly, and five or six children are brought over here in a cart to be buried daily. The mothers themselves look like hungry wolves. The poor children die in the dark, and their mothers have to watch for daylight to see them, not having a candle in the house."

CAMP 31ST ALA. REGIMENT,
Near Etowah River, Cass Co. Ga.,
May 24, 1864.

Editor Reporter:

Having heard from various sources that an erroneous and malicious falsehood had reached Talladega, to the effect that Captain Frank M. Shouse, Co. "E" 31st Ala. Vols., had deserted his command; we, the undersigned members of said company feel it due Capt. Shouse as a soldier and an officer, that we should testify to his devotion in the Southern cause, and his indomitable will and personal courage, both as a soldier and an officer, and we believe there are none braver, and know there are none more willing at all times to discharge their duties as such, than this officer. He has been at his Post ever since the commencement of the series of engagements from Tunnel Hill to the present camp, although, in feeble health most of the time, in fact he is always at his post when his physical ability will permit.

No complaint ever has been or ever can be made against this officer for misconduct in *any respect*, either by his superiors or his men under him as an officer. Cool, and courageous in battle, acting with judgement, always looking to his company's interest, even forgeting his own interest and safety, while trying to protect those over whom he officiates, yet never failing to lead them forward at the proper time, he has the full confidence of his Regimental commanders; and as a company commander, we pride in saying he is second to none.

We are well aware of the fact that Capt. Shouse's acquaintences are all ready at any time to contradict such a report, and defend his character as a citizen and a soldier, but the probability of this report spreading beyond their limits of his acquaintance, calls forth this note in contradiction of such report.

We subscribe ourselves very respectfully,

Wm. M. HAYNES,
1st Lieut. Co. "E" 31st Ala.

H H Tate, O S,	W A Morgan,
M W Ray,	J J Brewer,
B N Brewer,	F M Whatley,
W F Feazel,	J W Lovejoy,
H D Brewer,	G F Hobbs,
T M J Burgess,	F G Burgess,
J W Burgess,	J C Davis,
... Clark,	R C Johnston,
M M Mitchell,	J B Mitchell,
D R Hooper,	G W Welch,
L A Tate,	A J Brown,
J Burnett,	M W Whatley,
J Smith,	J B Ray,
B F Guinad,	L Stafragan,
S L Lovejoy,	G W Wilcox,
T D Wilcox,	J A Brewer,

A E Wilson,

[APPROVED] D. R. HUNDLEY,
Col Comd'g. 31st Ala.

Special to the Montgomery Adv.]
MARIETTA, May 26,
Via Atlanta, May 27

We drove the enemy out of Dallas Tuesday morning.

Yesterday Sherman's and Hindman's divisions, of Hood's corps, engaged the enemy heavily, driving them back one mile with great loss. Capt. Davis, aid to Gen. Geary, was captured.

Our loss was 200 killed and wounded Gen. Cummings severely, and Gen. Reynolds slightly.

Heavy skirmishing continued to-day, but no particulars have been received.

Our line of battle forms a retired crutcheon, preventing the enemy from flanking us.

Johnston is master of the position.

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ATLANTA, May 27.

Skirmishing commenced at day light and heavy fighting during the day but no general engagement as yet. The enemy feeling our position, was repulsed at all points with heavy loss. We captured many prisoners.

Gen. Lee's Orders.

The following is a full copy of the General order of Gen. Lee. It is modest as it is chaste and beautiful. We are not surprised to hear that it was received with great enthusiasm by the army:

HEADQ'RS ARMY NORTHERN VA.,
May 14, 1864

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 41.

I. The General commanding takes great pleasure in announcing to the army the series of successes that, by the favor of God, have recently been achieved by our arms.

II. A part of the enemy's force threatening the Valley of Virginia, has been routed by General Imboden, and driven back to the Potomac, with the loss of their train and a number of prisoners

III. Another body of the enemy, under Gen. Averill, penetrated to the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, at Dublin Depot. A portion of his force has been dispersed by Gens. Morgan and W. E. Jones, who are in pursuit of the remainder.

IV. The army of Gen. Banks sustained a severe defeat in Western Louisiana, by the forces of Gen. Kirby Smith, and retreated to Alexandria, losing several thousand prisoners, thirty-five pieces of artillery, and a large number of wagons. Some of the most formidable gunboats that accompanied the expedition were destroyed to save them from capture.

V. The expedition of Gen. Steele in to Western Arkansas has ended in a complete disaster. Northern journals of the 10th instant, announce his surrender with an army of nine thousand men, to Gen Price.

VI. The cavalry force sent by Gen. Grant to attack Richmond, has been repulsed, and retired towards the Peninsula. Every demonstration of the enemy south of James river has, up to this time, been successfully repelled.

VII. The heroic valor of this army, with the blessing of Almighty God, has thus far checked the principal army of the enemy, and ... upon it heavy ...

The eyes and hearts of your countrymen are turned to you with confidence, and their prayers attend you in your gallant struggle. Encouraged by the success that has been vouchsafed to us, and stimulated by the great interests that depend upon the issue, let every man resolve to endure all and brave all until, by the assistance of a just and merciful God, the enemy shall be driven back, and peace secured to our country.

Continue to emulate the valor of your comrades who have fallen, and remember that it depends upon you whether they have fallen in vain

It is in your power, under God, to defeat the last great effort of the enemy, establish the independence of your native land, and earn the lasting love and gratitude of your countrymen, and the admiration of mankind

R. E. LEE, General.

Wheeler in the Rear.

HEADQ'RS, ON THE MARCH,
May 24th 1864.

Editors Confederacy:—I wrote you yesterday that you would hear from the cavalry soon. Last night Gen. Wheeler took up a line of march for the rear of the enemy, with Martin's, Hume's and Tulley's divisions, and Williams' brigade. We struck the rear at Cassville this morning at ten o'clock, and also struck a wagon train. We brought out 60 wagons and teams laden with baggage, and captured 200 men. The 8th Texas and 8th Confederate did the work. One wagon had three abandoned women in it and their immense wardrobe.

Teams very poor and men badly clad. I send you a captured letter to extract from. I will send you late Northern papers if I can procure them.

We lost none killed and but one or two wounded. J. W. T.

RICHMOND, May 30.

The Senate passed the bill, after debate, allowing the Commissioner under the act suspending the habeas corpus, two hundred and fifty dollars per month, and then resolved into secret session.

The House resolution relative to Memminger, referred to the Committe on Judiciary Affairs, was withdrawn

The bill increasing the pay of members of Congress was referred to a committee of one from each State.

A resolution was adopted extending the session until the 7th.

The President vetoed the bill establishing a General Staff.

Operations in Virginia.

The last two weeks, as our readers are well aware, the communication between Richmond and this portion of the Confederacy, has been very irregular. The accounts we have received have been disconnected.—We find in the Richmond Sentinel, the annexed mere mention of affairs as they transpired up to May 17th from the time active operations commenced:

May 4th.—Grant crossed the Rapidan at Ely's and Germana fords.

May 5th and 6th.—The great battles of Wilderness. Grant repulsed and driven back at all points with great loss. Abandons his dead and wounded on the right, and retreats to his entrenched lines between Wilderness and Trigg's Mill, nearly coincident with the Brock road leading from Wilderness to Spottsylvania Courthouse. Gen. Longstreet wounded on the 6th.

May 7th.—Skirmishing. Grant retreats towards Fredericksburg.

May 8th.—Two battles fought today at Spottsylvania Courthouse between Longstreet's corps, under Anderson, and the fifth corps, under Warren, supported by cavalry. The enemy repulsed with heavy loss in both instances.

May 9th.—Skirmishing.

May 10th.—Grant attacks Lee in his entrenchments near Spottsylvania Courthouse, and is defeated with great loss.

May 11th.—Skirmishing.

May 12th.—Great battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse. Grant attacks our lines, breaks over a part, capturing several thousand men of Johnson's Division, but is driven out and repulsed at all points with enormous loss—the ground in front of our lines being piled with his slain.

May 14th.—Grant moved his lines by his left flank, taking position nearer the Richmond and Fredericksburg railroad. He then remained pretty quiet, until

May 18th.—Grant "attempted an assault on Ewell's line, but was easily repulsed." His loss said to be considerable.

Thus much for Grant's immediate movements, with the troops under his eye. But other important operations around Richmond form part of the same drama, and must be mentioned as a portion of his proceedings.

May 6th.—Butler lands in large force at Bermuda Hundreds, near the junction of the James and Appomattox. Skirmish near Port Walthall.

May 7th.—Battle at Port Walthall Junction. Enemy defeated.

May 10th.—Great cavalry expedition against Richmond, under Gen. Sheridan. Battle near Chester Station ... cavalry fighting.

May 11th.—Heavy cavalry fighting. Gen. Stuart wounded.

May 12th.—Cavalry fighting continued. Enemy attacked second line of batteries on the Mechanicsville road. Gen. Gracie skirmishes with the enemy on the Meadow Bridge road General Gordon (cavalry) wounded. Gen. Stuart died. Sheridan re-crossed the Chickahominy, and disappeared towards the James.

May 13th.—Heavy cannonading at Fort Drewry. Enemy demonstrating it by land.

May 14th and 15th—Heavy cannonading and skirmishing with the enemy near Drewry.

May 15th—Gen. Breckinridge defeats Segle near New Market, and puts him to flight.

May 16th—Gen. Beauregard attacked the enemy near Fort Drewry, drove them out of their entrenchments and captured many prisoners.

May 17th—Butler retires to Bermuda Hundreds and fortifies.

The Better Land.

Farewell, farewell to all below,
My Savior calls and I must go,
I'd launch my bark upon the sea,
This land is not the land for me.

I find the rugged path of sin
A rugged path to travel in,
Beyond the swelling waves I see
The land my Savior bought for me.

Oh! sinner why will you not go?
There's room enough for you I know,
Our bark is small and passage free
And there's a better land for thee.

Farewell, farewell, I cannot stay,
The home I seek is far away,
Where Christ is not, I cannot be,
This land is not the land for me.

Praise be to God, a home on high
There angels sing and so will I,
There seraphs bow and bend the knee,
Oh! that's the land, the land for me.

No night is there, 'tis always day
And God shall wipe all tears away,
The saints their Savior's face shall see,
Oh! that's the land, the land for me.

There kindred spirits meet again,
Secure from sorrow, sin and pain,
They feast on pleasures full and free,
Oh! that's the land, the land for me.

FROM GEN. LONGSTREET.—The following is a dispatch from Gen. Longstreet to his uncle in Columbus:

LYNCHBURG, May 13.

To Judge A. B. Longstreet:—My wound is severe, but not dangerous—It is through the neck and shoulder. I am improving. J. LONGSTREET.